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SUBJECT: SAUDI ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANESE ARMY

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1. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD ON
AUG 28, AMB RAISED SUBJECT OF SAUDI AID IN REBUILDING
THE LEBANESE MILITARY PROGRAM. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL,
AMB MENTIONED THAT SAUD HAD TOLD SECRETARY VANCE OF
SAUDI WILLINGNESS TO HELP LEBANON IN ITS MILITARY
REBUILDING PROGRAM AND ASKED IF SAUD WOULD BE WILLING
TO HAVE AMB PARKER IN BEIRUT PASS TO THE LEBANESE
GOVERNMENT THE FACT THAT THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO BE
WILLING TO ASSIST LEBANON IN THIS PROGRAM. IN REPLY
SAUD SAID THAT HE DID NOT REMEMBER MAKING SUCH STATE-
MENT IN THAT CONTEXT TO SECRETARY VANCE, ALTHOUGH THE
SAG IS HELPING TO PAY FOR THE PEACE KEEPING FORCES
IN LEBANON AND IS CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMF AND WORLD
BANK CONSORTIUMS ON LEBANESE ECONOMIC AID.

2. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF SAUD'S RESPONSE, WE
RECOMMEND THAT DEPT INSTRUCT AMB PARKER TO
SUGGEST TO THE GOL THAT IT APPROACH SAG DIRECTLY
TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FOR REBUILDING THE LEBANESE
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